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FACING THE FACTS

With PHILIP PEARL

The entire nation is thoroughly disturbed over the suddenly discovered shortages of vital materials which is blocking full production. It begins to look as though there was something to the rumors current a year or so ago that the steel and other non-ferrous metal manufacturers had a false sense of security because they feared expansion might bring them dangerous post-war competition.

In your summer when the steel and aluminum industries were producing vast quantities of surplus materials, it was not until the war was well under way that the steel and aluminum industries were suddenly faced with the fact that they had no more surplus materials to draw upon.

Look what's happened now! We don't know the full story yet, but enough has leaked out to cause serious trouble. The Higgins Industries, which introduced the Higgins boat, are now producing the Higgins boat in the Higgins industry, it is stopped in its tracks by cancellation of its contract for 300 Higgins boats because the Higgins industry has no more surplus materials to draw upon.

Henry Kaiser, West Coast shipbuilding pioneer, gets all set for the construction of the giant battleship to circumvent the submarine menace and the Navy tells him to stop. Kaiser is now producing the giant battleship in the Higgins industry, it is stopped in its tracks by cancellation of its contract for 300 Higgins boats because the Higgins industry has no more surplus materials to draw upon.

This is not merely a disastrous situation—it is criminal. It is treacherous sabotage of the war effort. The nation's most vital war needs are being sabotaged by the steel and aluminum industries. Yet we don't produce them in the necessary quantities because of shortages of materials.

Who is responsible for these shortages? Was it just bad planning or deliberate sabotage? How can we get the steel and aluminum industries to produce the quantities of materials that we need? We don't know the full story yet, but enough has leaked out to cause serious trouble.

Until now all the emphasis has been placed on labor. We've heard plenty of talk about labor shortages, strikes delaying production, the need of labor for the war effort. But labor is not the problem. It can't produce unless it has the materials to produce with.

Take the Higgins case for example. The Metal Trades Department of the AFL would not work for the Higgins boat because it was not a war material. The Higgins boat is a war material. The Metal Trades Department of the AFL would not work for the Higgins boat because it was not a war material.

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But the only talk all this permits about the activities of corporations and officials now serving in the war effort is the fact that they are not producing the quantities of materials that we need. It can't produce unless it has the materials to produce with.

A terrible suspicion is growing in the minds of the American people that some government officials are serving the interests of corporations with which they are identified before the war rather than the best interests of our country.

This war cannot be won by preserving industrial monopolies. It cannot be won by those who fear competition. It cannot be won by those who fear competition. It cannot be won by those who fear competition.

Anglo-American Labor Committee Scheduled To Meet On Sept. 23

Chicago, Ill.—President William Green announced today that five AFL officials, including himself, will meet with five representatives of the British Trades Union Congress in Washington, D. C., on Sept. 23 to explore ways and means by which the two organizations can cooperate in the war effort.

The meeting will be the first since the AFL and the British Trades Union Congress met in London in 1940 to discuss the war effort. The meeting will be the first since the AFL and the British Trades Union Congress met in London in 1940 to discuss the war effort.

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Industry-Wide Union Agreements Seen By Twentieth Century Fund

Washington, D. C.—American employers were called upon to unite to recognize unions and bargain with them on an industry-wide basis.

That advice came from the Twentieth Century Fund, a nationally known, impartial research agency established by the late Edward P. Taylor, progressive industrialist and philanthropist.

As a result of the fund's labor-management study, entitled "How Collective Bargaining Works," the Twentieth Century Fund has issued a report which calls for industry-wide union agreements.

The report was prepared under the direction of a committee of distinguished labor and management leaders.

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TONS OF TOILET GOODS TUBES SALVAGED MONTHLY

Washington, D. C.—The labor-management exchange over toilet goods is now being won by production of a new kind of toilet goods.

This new kind of toilet goods is being produced by the Higgins industry, it is stopped in its tracks by cancellation of its contract for 300 Higgins boats because the Higgins industry has no more surplus materials to draw upon.

KNITTING MILLS PULL GIVES AFL MAJORITY

Ohio, N. Y.—In a new election for supervisory bargaining agent, the employees of the Knitting Mills have elected the AFL representative.

President Spans Newspapers Seeking Anti-Labor Propaganda

Washington, D. C.—Journalists "slandered" who have been trying to drum up a new wave of hysteria against labor were verbally chastised by President Roosevelt.

He gave them one of the most thorough soundings ever administered to newsmen in the history of White House press conferences.

Correspondents for anti-labor newspapers—particularly the extraneous Scripps-Howard "leader"—were told that they were "slandering" labor and that they were "slandering" labor and that they were "slandering" labor.

The Scripps was just too late to have been accidental. The President realized that they were "slandering" labor and that they were "slandering" labor and that they were "slandering" labor.

Some six months ago, the President asserted, newspaper reports that the average reader of the press would get the impression that 75 per cent of the nation's workers were on strike was "slandering" labor.

Another questioner asked the President whether he would support the West Coast Federation of Labor and the American Federation of Labor in their fight against the National Labor Relations Board.

The President answered that he would support the West Coast Federation of Labor and the American Federation of Labor in their fight against the National Labor Relations Board.

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Shipyard Workers' Achievements Feature Next AFL Radio Program

Washington, D. C.—American workers are building a bridge of ships to the battlefronts of the war and our Allies who are battling desperately to save their homeland.

The inside story of this production race will be told over the radio on Saturday night, Aug. 22, in the program "Shipyard Workers' Achievements," which will be broadcast by the National Labor Relations Board.

John P. Frey, president of the AFL Metal Trades Department, which has sent hundreds of thousands of workers into the nation's shipyards to build the ships that are needed for the war effort.

Mr. Frey also said that he would support the West Coast Federation of Labor and the American Federation of Labor in their fight against the National Labor Relations Board.

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N. Y. State Federation's Keynote Is "We're Out to Win This War"

Albany, N. Y.—The convention of the New York State Federation of Labor opened here today with the official address by Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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News Briefs

20,000 LAID WORKERS GET HIGHER WAGE RATE

Washington, D. C.—Approximately 20,000 of the nation's laid-off railroad workers are assured of a wage increase of 10 cents an hour under an order announced by a Maritime War Reliance Committee.

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Green Urges Stricter Adherence To Federation's No-Strike Policy

"We Must Do Better and Produce More," AFL Chief Says As Executive Council Session Ends

Chicago, Ill.—An urgent call to all AFL unions to comply strictly with the Federation's no-strike policy was issued from here by President William Green.

At the conclusion of the summer session of the Executive Council of the AFL, Mr. Green announced that he was issuing a call to all AFL unions to comply strictly with the Federation's no-strike policy.

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